

Fontodi,

`Vigna del Sorbo` Chianti Classico Gran Selezione 2016
Chianti Classico, Tuscany, Italy



FONTODI



Grape Varieties	100% Sangiovese
Winemaker	Giovanni Manetti
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	15%
Notes	Certified Organic

PRODUCER

The Manetti family has owned Fontodi since 1968 but has been in Chianti for centuries. Though they have always made wine, their original business was the production of Chianti's finest terracotta at their factory in Ferrone. Giovanni Manetti has run the property since 1980 and ensures the wines are as meticulously made as the vineyards are immaculately tended. Their 107 hectares of vineyard, 95% of which are Sangiovese, are situated in the prime 'Conca d'Oro' (golden shell) of Panzano, and have been converted to organic viticulture. Giovanni is now following biodynamic principles to obtain the best quality fruit.

VINEYARDS

Vigna del Sorbo is made with Sangiovese grapes from a south – west facing seven - hectare vineyard in the Conca d'Oro valley, an amphitheatre-shaped valley to the south of Panzano, at the heart of Chianti Classico. Well-draining 'Scaglia Toscana' soils are made up of a mixture of Galestro (clay schist) and Alberese (limestone) and encourage the vines to grow deep roots. The altitude is around 420 meters above sea level and the oldest vines were planted in 1968.

VINTAGE

The 2016 vintage saw many similarities to 2015. The growing season began with cool, wet weather. The flowering was generally good, but cooler temperatures reduced yields. In July, the weather turned hot and dry, with one rainfall mid-August relieving the stress of the vines. The wines are more aromatic than 2015.

VINIFICATION

Grapes were fermented in stainless-steel tanks for 18 days. During fermentation and maceration the cap was punched down twice a day. After fermentation the wine was aged in Tronçais and Allier barriques, of which 40% was new oak, for 18 months and an extra six months in botte grande (large oak barrels) prior to bottling. It remained in bottle for at least six months before release.

TASTING NOTES

Dark ruby red in colour, this wine opens with aromas of dark black fruits, blackberry and Victoria plum. The powerful structure defines the palate and is given complexity by the smoky, savoury fruit, robust tannins and fine acidity.